



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 174**

LCO No. 2526

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BAMBOO STAKES TO MARK SHELLFISH BEDS IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 No person shall dredge, plant or collect any shells, shellfish or other  
4 material or perform any work pertaining to the shellfish industry upon  
5 any shellfish grounds, unless each lot whereon any such work is  
6 performed has at each corner thereof a buoy visible above mean high  
7 water. There shall be on each such buoy the initials of the owner or  
8 lessee of such lot and the number of the same as shown on the latest  
9 map issued in the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the  
10 initial or initials denoting the direction of each corner from the center  
11 of the lot printed upon a tag securely fastened to each such buoy.  
12 Intermediate line buoys shall be so placed that the distance between  
13 buoys shall not be greater than eight hundred feet to be determined by  
14 the commissioner. [ provided said commissioner may permit the use  
15 of stakes in lieu of buoys where such use may be found necessary or  
16 advisable.] Any person who violates any provision of this section shall

17 be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |        |
| Section 1                                                                     | <i>October 1, 2013</i> | 26-227 |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To prohibit the use of bamboo stakes to mark shellfish beds in Long Island Sound in order to improve water safety.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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